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RESPONSE TO NOTICE REGARDING DRAWINGS

Commissioner For Patents
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ATTENTION: Tyrone Johnson – Office Of Patent Publication, Publishing Division

Sir:

In connection with the referenced application, and in response to the "Notice Regarding Drawings" dated 22 November 2005 (copy enclosed), applicant submits that the "Notice" has been issued in error, that the "Notice" requirements should be withdrawn, and that the application should proceed to issuance as a letters patent.

The "Notice Of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review" dated 22 November 2005 (copy also enclosed) indicates that the Patent Draftsperson has reviewed the drawings filed on 12 September 2003.

The "drawings" filed with Amendment-C on 12 September 2005 were simply the "marked-up" versions of the clean-copy amended drawings that were filed with Amendment-B on 03 April 2003. The marked-up drawings filed with Amendment-C show the amendments that were made to the clean-copy drawings filed with Amendment-B. Said marked-up drawings were inadvertently omitted from Amendment-B when it was filed, so they were filed with Amendment-C, after which the Examiner approved the drawing corrections that dated back to Amendment-B.

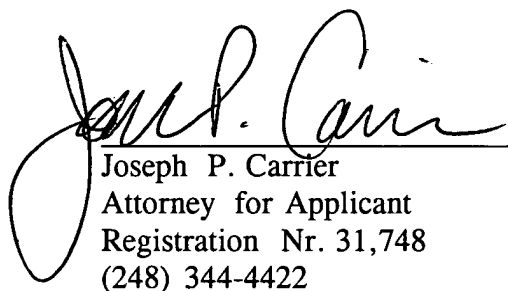
Clean copies of 8 sheets of amended drawings, containing Figs. 1-23, were filed with Amendment-B on 03 April 2003, and these are the drawings that the Patent Draftsperson should review. Said drawings may be viewed through the PAIR Image File Wrapper service (copies enclosed).

To expedite the already-delayed issuance of a letters patent for this application, applicant encloses another set of the clean-copy drawings as were filed with Amendment-B (8 sheets, Figs. 1-23).

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Notice Regarding Drawings

Corrected drawings for the above-identified application, received in the USPTO on 09/12/2003, are still not acceptable for the reason(s) identified on the attached PTO-948. Applicant is given one opportunity to correct the informalities within a two-month time period from the mailing date of this Notice. **THIS TIME PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR 1.136(b).** Failure to take corrective action within the set period will result in abandonment of the application.

ATTACHMENT: PTO-948 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Review

RETURN CORRECTED DRAWINGS TO:
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703-305-0333 #130



NOTICE OF DRAFTSPERSON'S PATENT DRAWING REVIEW

The drawing(s) filed (insert date) 9/12/03 are:

- A. ☐ approved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.
B. ☒ objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 for the reasons indicated below. Corrected drawings are required.

1. DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings: Black ink or Color (3 sets required).

☐ Color drawings are not acceptable until petition is granted. Fig(s) _____
☐ Pencil and non black ink not permitted. Fig(s) _____

2. PHOTOGRAPHS. 37 CFR 1.84(b)

☐ One (1) full-tone set is required. Fig(s) _____
☐ Photographs may not be mounted. 37 CFR 1.84(e)
☐ Photographs must meet paper size requirements of 37 CFR 1.84(f). Fig(s) _____
☐ Poor quality (half-tone). Fig(s) _____

3. TYPE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(e)

☐ Paper not flexible, strong, white, and durable. Fig(s) _____

☒ Erasures, alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, copy machine marks not accepted. Fig(s) 1-23

4. SIZE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(f): Acceptable sizes:

☐ 21.0 cm by 29.7 cm (DIN size A4) or
☐ 21.6 cm by 27.9 cm (8 1/2 x 11 inches)
☐ All drawing sheets not the same size. Sheet(s) _____

☐ Drawings sheets not an acceptable size. Fig(s) _____

5. MARGINS. 37 CFR 1.84(g): Acceptable margins:

Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm
☐ Margins not acceptable. Fig(s) _____
☐ Top (T) ☐ Left (L)
☐ Right (R) ☐ Bottom (B)

6. VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(h)

REMINDER: Specification may require revision to correspond to drawing changes, e.g., if Fig. 1 is changed to Fig. 1A, Fig. 1B and Fig. 1C, etc., the specification, at the Brief Description of the Drawings, must likewise be changed.

☐ Views not labeled separately or properly. Fig(s) _____

7. SECTIONAL VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(h)(3)

☐ Sectional designation should be noted with Arabic or Roman numbers. Fig(s) _____

8. ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(i)

☐ Words do not appear on a horizontal, left-to-right fashion when page is either upright or turned so that the top becomes the right side, except for graphs. Fig(s) _____

9. SCALE. 37 CFR 1.84(k)

☐ Scale not large enough to show mechanism without crowding when drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds in reproduction. Fig(s) _____

10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, & LETTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(l)

☐ Lines, numbers & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black (poor line quality). Fig(s) _____

11. SHADING. 37 CFR 1.84(m)

☐ Solid black areas pale. Fig(s) _____
☐ Solid black shading not permitted. Fig(s) _____

12. NUMBERS, LETTERS, & REFERENCE CHARACTERS. 37 CFR 1.84(p)

☒ Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible. Fig(s) 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 17, 19, 21

☐ Figure legends are poor. Fig(s) _____
☐ Numbers and reference characters not oriented in the same direction as the view. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(1) Fig(s) _____

☐ English alphabet not used. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) Fig(s) _____

☐ Numbers, letters and reference characters must be at least 32 cm (1/8 inch) in height. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(3). Fig(s) _____

13. LEAD LINES. 37 CFR 1.84(q)

☐ Lead lines missing. Fig(s) _____

14. NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(t)

☐ Sheets not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numbers beginning with number 1. Sheet(s) _____

15. NUMBERING OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(u)

☐ Views not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals, beginning with number 1. Fig(s) _____

16. DESIGN DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.152

☐ Surface shading shown not appropriate. Fig(s) _____

☐ Solid black surface shading is not permitted except when used to represent the color black as well as color contrast. Fig(s) _____

COMMENTS:

Reviewer [Signature]
If you have questions, call (703) 305-8404.

Date 11/22/05
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